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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE SEC TRIP TO WASHINGTON

1. PHILIPPINE SEC CHAIRMAN LIMJOCO AND PARTY PRESENTLY TRAVELING IN EUROPE AND, DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS, LIMJOCO'S STAFF IN MANILA HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT HIM. THERE IS ALSO SOME UNCERTAINTY ABOUT LIMJOCO'S DATE OF ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON. HIS STAFF SAYS HIS TELEX TO WASHINGTON SPECIFIED SEPT. 14 RPT 14 RATHER THAN SEPT 4 RPT 4. HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT LIMJOCO MAY CANCEL A PART OF HIS ITINERARY, THUS ARRIVING WASHINGTON AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.

2. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, US SEC MAY WISH TO ATTEMPT TO REACH LIMJOCO AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON THROUGH PHILIPPINE EMBASSY OR HOTEL MAYFLOWER, WHERE LIMJOCO WILL REPORTEDLY BE STAYING. WE REGRET SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON LIMJOCO'S PLANS ARE NOT AVAILABLE BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COURTESIES WHICH SEC CAN EXTEND UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. LIMJOCO WAS A CLASSMATE OF PRESIDENT MARCOS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND REMAINS A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE PRESIDENT. AS A RESULT, HIS INFLUENCE IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT EXTENDS BEYOND HIS TITULAR ROLE.

3. WE UNDERSTAND CHAIRMAN LIMJOCO IS INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING OPTIONS TRADING IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD APPRECIATE COPIES OF THE LATEST U.S. SEC RULINGS.
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